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Date of the letter	From whom received	Substance
19th January 1819	Collector of Tinnevelly	Reporting on the complaint of the inhabitants of Coodegudy village Nammiyaram Taluq who interfered with the cultivation in Vayettampatty village in Sivaganga Taluq and suggesting that both the Tahsildars may be directed to meet on the spot in order to adjust the said dispute
20th February 1819	do	Transmitting copy of an extract from the Vettiaporayer zemindar regarding a good in dispute and stating that he will direct the zemindar to depute some person to be present on the spot for the enquiry &c.

No. of the paper	Date	From whom received	Substance
	20th July 1869	Collector of Coimbatore	Paper relating to a certain boundary dispute between the inhabitants of a certain village in the Coimbatore District and those of a certain village in the Madura District and suggesting the old method of walking the boundary in settling the dispute &c
	8th July 1869	District Engineer Madura.	Proposing that a channel should be dug, having its source in the Ammayanaickanoor tank and stating that the revenue would increase on account of the increased extent of lands that will thereby be brought under cultivation

No.	Date	From whom received	Substance
	4th August 1819	Secretary to the Commissioners for the Netherland Settlements	Requesting to be furnished with certain information regarding the claims of the Netherland authorities upon certain islands in India.
	7th October 1819	Officer commanding the garrison at Madura.	Forwarding an Extract from the Return of Public Quarters within the fort of Madura ordered by Government to be delivered over to the Judge & the Collector.

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To

The Collector

of Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of a Letter I have received from the Tasildar of Mreeyggoontum Complaining of the Conduct of the Inhabitants of Colleegoody Village in the Trimungalum Talook in your District, in interfering with the Cultivation in Myettampatty Village in his Talook, and Demanding Teerwa for it, to which I request your attention, and if there should appear to you any just grounds for the Claim of the Colleegody Inhabitants to the land in question, I beg to suggest that your Tasildar & Mine or

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From the Collr
of Tinnevelly
Dated 18th Jany
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To The Collector

of Madura

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 23d Ultimo and its enclosures, I have the honor to transmit to you Copy of an Arzee I have received from the Ettiapoor Zemendar in answer to the order I sent him on the Subject, and as he contends that the ground in dispute belongs to one of his Villages which he is ready to establish by the accounts in his Possession, I beg to suggest an enquiry on the Spot, and if you will inform me of the day your Tasildar or Peshcar will attend there, I will direct the Zemendar to depute

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some Person to meet him, with the Documents he holds in support of his Claim.

I have the honor &c

Sir

Your most Obedient Servt.

Stokes

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10th February 1849

Lieut Colonel Stokes
of Commissary
Cols in Charge

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To

the Collector

of

Madura

Para 26 The persons deputed on this side to enquire into the Boundary dispute, have represented that although it was agreed between them, and your Servants, that a certain ceremony (of walking the boundary) should be performed, and that the party performing it should possess the disputed Ground &c. yet now after having taken Moochelgas from each party to abide by the decision, your Servants refuse to put that by the Madura Claimants into the hands of our arbiters as was originally agreed to, when the mode of settling the dispute in the abovementioned way was first adopted: - the supposition of our Arbiters therefore is, that your people do not wish to abide by the mode, which was previously agreed

agreed to, and further, that they wish to bring about matters so as to prevent a final decision being made —

2 In this way the disputes can never be put an end to, and it certainly is desirable that they should be. As to the difference it makes to Government, whether the land are in this, or your District, it is of course perfectly immaterial & next to that the only thing to be attended to, is to see that it is settled in a way which shall be conclusive and this to prevent future disputes must be done in a way familiar to the understanding and ideas of the people of both parties —

3 In this view of the subject, it appears to me, that the way proposed as being an old custom of the County is the very best that could have been hit upon and it is to be so much the more to be regretted that your people have not abided by their agreement - I say this with the greater confidence as in a boundary dispute between two Villages in

in this District, this same method has been adopted within a short time, & the result has been a peaceable & amicable settlement of a dispute which for the last twenty years has been otherwise attempted to be settled by riders &c &c —

4 In explanation of their having mutually agreed to adopt the mode above alluded to our arbitors state that it is quite out of the question to pretend to settle a boundary dispute on the testimony of any witnesses whatever & we have good evidence in the enactment of Regulation XXXII of 1802 and the opinion of I believe all who are most conversant with the Native Character & manners, as to the truth of the assertion they therefore appear to have consulted the very best mode possible —

5 The terms of the agreement were if one party only performed the ceremony and walked the boundary the other should relinquish all claim to it, if both, then the lands were to be devided into equal parts. this appears to be the fairest method of settling the

business & each party gave Moochelgas of their consent to abide by this way of deciding it, but when the time came for exchanging them your arbiter withheld theirs & put an end to the conference —

6. In the case in this District abovementioned only one of the parties walked the boundary, which shews at the same time how efficacious the ceremony is to the sort of people, who are parties in the disputes —

7. As to the claims of each party, the disputes have gone on so long that I should conceive the examination of them by a third person would shew them to be so much on an equality as to be but false ground work for a decision. This makes it the more desirable that the mode proposed & agreed to by both parties should be adhered to. I request you therefore to give orders to your people on the subject, should you agree with me in opinion on it —

8. I will not advance any arguments in support of the claims of our people, but I must mention one thing viz that since the time Mr Hardie sent orders to put the disputed land in Amanat, that I have no reason to suppose that no orders whatever

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have been given to allow the people of your District to take possession of which they have done —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant,

H. Wheeler
Col. Commdg

Coimbatoor
20th July 1819

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Dindigul District
Toudycombor Talook
Pullapatty Annicut & Channel

The Inhabitants of Pullapatty Village in the Dindigul District having represented to the Collector, that a considerable extent of land might be brought under cultivation in addition to the present produce of the three Tanks belonging to the Village, and that much benefit would also be derived by the Tanks of two other Villages called Pettipatty and Moungycolum by constructing an Annicut across the Codaveriar River in the limits of Vaccumpatty Village from which place, a distance of Five Miles it was proposed to open a Channel for the better supply of the Tanks in question.

2. The Codaveriar from which the Channel is proposed to be

conducted

conducted, takes its rise in the Cucuamquandy range of Hills, about 15 Miles distant in a North Westerly direction, and at present affords a supply to the Cultivation depending on Fire Arms which are constructed on it, — One of these Works is situated to the Westward of that which is now proposed to be built, & at a distance of about four Miles. — The others are to the Eastward & about the same distance from each other, but there being a continual stream in the River throughout the year, no apprehension is entertained that a deficiency of Water would be experienced by the Construction of an additional Work. — The general breadth of the River is from 100 to 120 feet, its Banks are for the most part steep & rugged & its Waters come down with great Velocity. — It receives a great accession, by streams from the neighbouring high lands, and

a number of deep channels which have their source in the American Hills South of Ashlock & also fall into it. — The greatest rise in the River, which is about 12 feet, is generally experienced in the Months of August & September, & it continues full till January. — The general nature of the bed of the River is Rock & hard lime, which in some places is covered over to the depth of two or three feet with a loose soil of Black & greyish sand, and the site of the proposed Dam is of the latter description.

3 The first series of Levels to ascertain the practicability of the project having proved very unfavorable, a second series was undertaken in the hope of a more favorable result, & they were continued to the point marked A on the accompanying Plan, which I have the honor to submit for consideration with the following

Remarks

Remarks which have occurred to me on the subject:

4 The direction of the proposed channel is noted on the Plan which will be observed is in the first instance required to fill the Tank called Shencolum thence to be discharged into the Shenguncolum & Peracolum, and from this latter Tank the Inhabitants wished it to be conducted into those of Bollapotty & Moongycolum situated about one Mile North of the large Tank of Pallapotty.

5 On a further reference to the Plan & profile, it will be observed that altho a fall of nearly Two feet is obtained from the spot where the Aqueduct is proposed to be constructed to the large Tank of Pallapotty, the intervening Tanks Shencolum and Shenguncolum being one much higher level than the bed of the channel, they cannot receive any

advantage

advantage from the undertaking, altho the Sluiceout should be raised 8 feet above the level of the bed of the River, the greatest elevation that can possibly be given to it, without prejudice to a large extent of cultivation, depending on the River, to the Eastward, and from which a considerable Revenue is now derived.

6 The Levels show the bed of Shencolum to be 4 ft. 3 in. 3½ above the bed of the River &, that of Shenigancolum 3 feet nearly. It follows therefore that if the channel be opened it must drain off the Waters of these two Tanks into that of Pericolum. But adverting to the small extent of Cultivation & only about 20 Cawnies now obtained from the two former Tanks, that loss is not a consideration of Importance if other Impediments did not present themselves to the execution of the Work. These are, five large streams, which it will be observed intersect the Course

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of the proposed channel & which have their source in the Ammanaikan Hills about three Miles South. They are all deep streams & of considerable breadth as exemplified on the Profile, and with the exception of one, their Beds are above the level of the proposed channel, so that a Lingalatis would be necessary across each of these four streams in order to retain in the channel the required supply, & also for the discharge of the superabundant Waters. But as all of these streams are extremely rapid & form an expanse of Water during the Monsoon, the stability of the Dams for any length of time is, I think doubtful, but if they should resist the violence of the torrent the Channel Banks & Tank would probably be destroyed by this vast increase of Water. — Under these circumstances it does not appear to me likely that the Work can be undertaken with much chance of success. — I have however

however prepared & beg to submit the accompanying Estimate, of the Expense which it would probably incur, amounting to Rupees 17420 – 5 and in which is also shown the increase of Revenue expected to be derived from it, amounting to Rupees 3150 per annum. —

Madura District
July 1819 } Capt. Le Fft of Fortifications

H Cotton
Engr. of Engineers

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Jindjyut District
Nellicottah Talook
Accrapatty Annicut in the Codavenar

The Accrapatty Annicut is a work advantageously situated upon a Base of Solid Rock about Two Miles N.E. of Ahtoor Village, and was constructed for the purpose of draining a supply of Water to the two Tanks belonging to Parapatty, but the Work having given way in its Center many Years ago, the whole of the Cultivation depending on it has since that period been neglected; the Annicut together with the Channel & Tanks being left in a state of decay & they have been in this ruinous condition from time

Immemorial. — But as a considerable Amount of Revenue would be realized by the Culture of the extensive tract of land, and each Tank, as well as under the Channel, it is of Importance that these Works and the Anicut should be placed in an efficient state. —

The probable extent of land which would be Cultivated the first Year is, stated to be 400 Cawnies of Nunja, & the total expected increase in four Years amounts to 400 Cawnies more, of half of which now produces Dry Grain; the total increase of Revenue to be derived being about 1586 Pagodas Annually.

A Plan of the remains of the Anicut is herewith submitted, & it would appear that the destruction of this Irregularly constructed Work is to be attributed to the small size of the stones used in it, being not sufficiently weighty to resist the velocity of the Current, which in every part of this River is very great.

The following detailed Measurements shew the present state of the Work, & the extent of Repair necessary is included in the accompanying Estimate.—

Eastern portion of Work remaining

Brick in Chunam in good order			Rough stone work loose behind Masonry, & requiring to be replaced —		
Length	breadth	height	Length	breadth	height
65 ft:	3 ft:	18 ft	65 ft:	36 ft:	7 ft

Western portion of work remaining

	Length	breadth	height
Rough stone Loose ...	90 ft.	36 ft.	7 ft.
Wall of masonry in front ...	90 ft.	3 ft.	14 ft.

Of which require to be upon

	Length	breadth	height
Rough stone work =	45 ft.	36 ft.	7 ft.
Wall of masonry in front	90 ft.	3 ft.	4 ft.

Centre part of work requiring to be Rebuilt

	Length	breadth	height
Rough stone Work =	96 ft.	36 ft.	7 ft.
Wall of masonry in front =	96 ft.	3 ft.	18 ft.

The Annicut being situated about a Mile only from the Cunnavidy Range of Hills, Stones of a large size can easily be transported thence to the work at a moderate expense, & care must be taken to procure those of the sort called Bindoo.

A part of the Dike of the River extending from the Western Wing of the Annicut is much exposed to the Current.

Revetment, which is placed there for its protection, being now in a ruinous state, requires to be re-placed, a distance of 284 ft. by 3 feet broad & 9 feet high.—

The channel of supply from the Annicut after cultivating in its course 200 Caronies of Land falls into the larger of the two Tanks, called Peria Colum, in the Dike of which, a Sluice of discharge will be required for the supply of the smaller Tank, called Chinna colum. A small Calingulat 50 feet in width is also necessary at the Southern extremity of the Chinna colum, for the regular discharge of the surplus waters, &c

and three Sluices are wanted, for the supply of the Cultivation depending on both Tanks.

The excavation required to the channel is 3400 yards in length, by 4 yards broad, and on an average depth of from one to one & half yard.

Neither of the Tanks are Revetted. — The length of the Dike of the Peria colum is 1200 yards; — That of the Chinna colum 960 yards, & the repair of Earth work required to both is 6 yards broad by 3 yards high, which will place them in perfect good condition.

A B Cotton
Capt. of Engrs

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Foreign Department

To The Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

With reference to my letters dated the 3rd December 1818 and 15th February 1819, Duplicates of which are herewith transmitted – I am directed by the Commissioner for the Netherlands Settlements to request you will as soon as possible furnish the information therein required.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

P. H. Thornton

Secretary to the Commiss.

Fort St. George
August 1819

16 Foreign Department

To the Collector in Dindigul &c
Madura

Sir,

Para 1 With reference to your letter dated the 15th June last I am directed by the Commissioner for the Netherlands Settlements to forward for your information the Translation of a letter and its enclosures received from the Chief of the Netherlands Settlements.

2 I am further directed to request that you will at your earliest convenience send a report of the names and situation of the Islands referred to in the 1st paragraph of your letter and communicate any information which you may possess regarding the claims of the Other-

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lands Authorities upon the

3 I am further directed to forward
for your information an Extract of Mr.
Hodgson's Report relative to Laccoreen Ports,
among which Pambóy is included, and the
answer of Government from which you
will perceive that the Claim of the Netherlands Authorities on this head is for the
present inadmissible.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) P. W. Thomson
Secretary to the Govt.

Fort St. George
1st December
1818.

To the Collector in
Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Commissioners

for the Netherlands Settlements to forward for your information and Guidance the accompanying Extract of a letter from the Collector in Tinnevelly relative to the Islands situated off the Coast of Ramnad.

2/ You are requested to endeavour if possible to trace by enquiry from the Zemindar of Ramnad or in any other manner you may think advisable what rights the Netherlands Authorities ever had over the Islands in question and you will please to furnish a report on the subject at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) P. A. Thomson

Fort St George
14 February
1819.

True Copies
P. A. Thomson
Secretary to the Comm.

Gesendet
Frau Mr.
Geschwister
Mr. Wilhelmine
Wolfenbüttel
34. Oranienstr. 1100

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To R. Peter Esq.re
Collector and Magistrate of
Madura

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you an Extract from the Return of Public Quarters within the Fort of Madura, ordered by Government to be delivered over to your Charge, and should feel obliged by your granting me a Receipt for the same. Viz.t,

Captain's Quarter No. 3,
Captain's Quarter No. 5,
and Subalterns Quarter No. 6, on the fixtures being found to correspond with the Return.

At the same time beg leave to enclose you a Copy of a Bill, of Sale, for Quarters, No. 4, 8 and 9, the amount of which has been paid into your Treasury, and request you will have the goodness to grant me a receipt for the amount Viz.t Company's Rupees 249, Annas " Pice " 1 —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Wm. Broughton
Comd. Madura

Madura
9th October 1819

Letter

From the Officer
Comdg Madura
Dated 9th Octr
1819.

List of Public Buildings Ordered by Government to be delivered over to the Collector and Agent in the Zillah of Madura. Madura 24th September 1819.

No. of Buildings	Description of the Building	Situation and Contents	Of what Materials Constructed	No. and Dimensions of Apartments	In what manner Occupied	Accommodation	Fittings to each Building — Doors: Bamboo Doors	Doors: Bamboo Sashes	Doors: Bamboo Bolts	Doors: Bamboo Hinges	Doors: Bamboo Latches	Doors: Bamboo Hinges & Latches	Doors: Bamboo Bolts & Hinges	Doors: Bamboo Bolts & Latches	Doors: Bamboo Hinges & Bolts	Doors: Bamboo Hinges & Bolts & Latches	Windows: Bamboo Sashes	Windows: Bamboo Bolts	Windows: Bamboo Hinges	Windows: Bamboo Latches	Windows: Bamboo Hinges & Latches	Windows: Bamboo Hinges & Bolts	Windows: Bamboo Bolts & Latches	Windows: Bamboo Hinges & Bolts & Latches	Shutters	Stone Pillars	Stone Posts	Stone Steps	Stone Seats	Remarks
3	Captains Quarter	In the Fort Street	Arches roof Walls and floor of brick in Chunam the Bungalow of thatched roof Walls of Brick in mud plastered with Chunam —	1 Hall in length 22½ ft. by 15 feet. 2 a Room do. 15 do. do. 15 do. 3 do. do. 22½ do. do. 9½ do. 4 a Hall to the Bungalow 22½ by 15 feet 5 Room in length 15½ by 15 feet 6 Godowns —	Vacant	For a Captain	5	"	"	2	2	20	"	4	"	34	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
4	do. do.	do. do.	Arches roof Walls & floor of brick in Chunam the Bungalow of thatched roof Walls of brick in mud & plastered with Chunam	1 Hall in length 22½ ft. by 15 feet 2 a Room do. 15 do. do. 15 do. 3 do. do. 15 do. do. 15 do. 4 a Hall to the Bungalow 22½ by 14½ feet 5 do. do. 15 do. do. 14½ do. 6 Godowns —	Vacant	For a Captain	4	"	5	"	6	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
5	do. do.	do. the West fort	Arches roof Walls and floor of brick in Chunam —	1 Hall in length 21 ft. by 15 feet 2 a Room do. 15 do. do. 15 do.	Vacant	For a Captain	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
6	Lieutenants Quarter	In the West Street	Arches roof Walls & floor of brick in Chunam the Bungalow of thatched roof Walls of brick & mud plastered with Chunam —	1 Hall in length 23 feet by 22 feet 2 a Room do. 23 do. do. 15 do. 3 a Verandah 22 do. do. 9 do. 4 a Hall to the Bungalow 23 by 14 feet 5 a Room do. 23 do. do. 14½ do. 6 do. do. 21 do. do. 14½ do. 7 Godowns —	Vacant	For a Lieutenant	"	"	"	"	"	8	"	"	"	8	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
8	do. do.	In the Fort Street	Arches roof Walls and floor of Brick in Chunam the Bungalow of thatched roof Walls and floor of Brick in mud plastered with Chunam	1 Hall in length 21 feet by 14½ feet 2 a Room do. 7½ do. 7½ do. 3 a Verandah 21 do. 9 do. 12 do. 4 a Room in the Bungalow 20½ do. 9 do. 12½ do.	Vacant	For a Lieutenant	1	"	"	"	"	4	"	1	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
9	do. do.	do. do.	Arches roof Walls & floor of brick in Chunam	1 Hall in length 24½ feet by 14½ feet 2 a Room do. 14½ do. do. 14½ do. 3 do. do. 14 do. do. 14 do.	Vacant	For a Lieutenant	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	

Extract from Return

Sd. Thos. Munro

Collector of Madura

Sd. Thos. Bunbury

Agent Madura

Sd. Order. Thos. Bunbury

Collector of Madura

Sd. by Public Action agreeable to Instructions received from the Head Quarters of the Southern Division on the 5th day of July 1819, to the extend borne on the Returns —

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